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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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PG&E CORPORATION AND PACIFIC) Chapter 11
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,)
Debtors.) San Francisco, California
) Tuesday, May 24, 2022
) 10:00 AM
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PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE
REORGANIZED DEBTORS'
OBJECTION TO PROOF OF CLAIM
NO. 58562 FILED BY FULCRUM
CREDIT PARTNERS LLC AS
TRANSFeree OF TUSCAN RIDGE
ASSOCIATES, LLC FILED BY PG&E
CORPORATION [11288]

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3 (Call to order of the Court.)

4 THE CLERK: Court is now in session, the Honorable
5 Dennis Montali presiding. Calling the matter of PG&E
6 Corporation, and I'll bring counsel in now.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Good morning, Ms. Kim. Why don't
8 you go ahead and state your appearance, and then Ms. Stanfield
9 and then Mr. Horn and then Ms. Goodman.

10 MS. KIM: Good morning, Your Honor. Jane Kim, Keller
11 Benvenuti Kim, on behalf of the reorganized debtors.

12 MS. STANFIELD: Good morning, Your Honor. Diane
13 Stanfield of Alston & Bird appearing for Fulcrum Credit
14 Partners.

15 MR. HORN: And good morning, Your Honor. Tyler Horn
16 of Downey Brand on behalf of Tuscan Ridge Associates, LLC.

17 THE COURT: And Ms. Goodman, you have your mic
18 mooted -- muted. Muted, not mooted. Muted.

19 MS. GOODMAN: Sorry. Can you hear me now, Your Honor?

20 THE COURT: Yes.

21 MS. GOODMAN: Yeah. Laura Goodman, Gough & Hancock,
22 for PG&E.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Horn, you had your hand up, but we got
24 you in here. Was there something else you wanted --

25 MR. HORN: No.

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1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MR. HORN: No, that was -- yep. Sorry about that.

3 THE COURT: No, that's all right.

4 So in anticipation of the hearing today, I went back
5 and reviewed the trial scheduling order of April 22nd, and I
6 kind of thought you all would end up putting this thing over.

7 So here we are. I'm not sure what we need to do. I
8 will just tell you a update, in a sense that the scheduling
9 order anticipates a sort of rehearsal in August, and at least
10 as of now, we have no present plan to go back into the old-
11 fashioned courtroom style.

12 Some of the judges have been experimenting with a so-
13 called hybrid, but I'm not prepared to, not with the infection
14 rate and issues, both physically and in our own building in San
15 Francisco, but also San Francisco generally. So I think we're
16 going to be doing this remotely as we planned.

17 So really, I'll toss it back to any of you. Is there
18 anything we really need to discuss about today, and what's on
19 your mind?

20 MS. GOODMAN: So Your Honor, Laura Goodman, for PG&E.

21 We had this set, and we put it off a couple times
22 because there have been no issues. Where we're at is we've
23 received -- the parties have done -- (indiscernible) completed
24 their document productions. We have an extremely large
25 production from Tuscan Ridge that's been coming in over time,

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1 which is fine.

2 We're working through it, and I anticipate the next
3 step will be some additional written discovery subpoenas and
4 depositions, so that's where we are. I don't have any issues for you
5 today.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. HORN: And --

8 THE COURT: Mr. Horn.

9 MR. HORN: Yes. Your Honor, Tyler Horn on behalf of
10 Tuscan Ridge. Again, we produced documents, as Ms. Goodman
11 noted. We've reviewed the privilege log. We anticipate maybe
12 some meeting conferring over privilege log issues, but I think
13 that's something the parties can hopefully resolve themselves.
14 It's not major issues, but maybe some slight motion practice
15 may be necessary. But we'll be hopeful to avoid that if
16 possible.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Well, at the risk of repeating
18 myself, I'll repeat myself. Some of the lawyers who know me
19 well know that my definition of hell is a judge who has to do
20 endless discovery disputes. And I'm trying to avoid it at this
21 time. But if there are disputes, remember my procedure for
22 meet and confer, brief telephone conference, and so on.

23 Let me make one other comment that I should have made
24 in the opening statement. When we started learning about Zoom
25 and remote and COVID, and lawyers and judges and everybody else

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1 around the world were not familiar with doing things the way
2 we're now familiar with doing it, so when I originally
3 developed the provision in my scheduling order that has morphed
4 its way into this scheduling order, I anticipated we'd have to
5 have kind of a practice session to make sure people know how to
6 turn their cameras on and plug in their remote cables and more
7 importantly, get their clients and witnesses comfortable.

8 I don't need to do that if you're all comfortable with
9 it, and you don't have to make a decision now. But I will just
10 repeat -- I think Ms. Kim knows that -- she's seen this in
11 other matters that I've been presiding over, but perhaps not
12 the rest of you. Just make sure you do practice with your
13 particularly unsophisticated or inexperienced people who don't
14 know how to do things on a screen or in a laptop or in the
15 formal setting of the court that isn't very formal when we're
16 all in our -- wherever we are.

17 And as that date approaches, we probably should have
18 at least another session like this just to touch base.

19 But I don't need to tell all of you how to turn your
20 cameras on, or I will assume that your witnesses and clients
21 will have been prepped. So enough said of that.

22 Anybody else want to raise anything today?

23 Okay. Well --

24 MS. STANFIELD: (Indiscernible) thank you.

25 THE COURT: I'm sorry, Ms. Stanfield. Just say that

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again.

MS. STANFIELD: Sorry, just saying, I don't think I
have anything to add. Thank you.

THE COURT: Okay. Okay. Well, we didn't have to do
this, but it's nice to see you all.

I can do --

MS. STANFIELD: You, too, Your Honor.

THE COURT: I can do the usual trial judge's
admonition to tell you there is no rule against settling this
case before we go to trial. But again --

MS. GOODMAN: We appreciate that. We've been making
efforts.

THE COURT: You all know that, I know. Okay. Thank
you for your time. Good luck. I look forward to seeing you.

MS. GOODMAN: Thank you.

MR. HORN: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

MS. KIM: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thanks.

(Whereupon these proceedings were concluded at 10:06 AM)

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